

REMARKS

This amendment is in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated February 18, 2004, the shortened statutory period for filing a response expiring on March 18, 2004. Applicants submit herewith a one month extension petition to reset the deadline for responding to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment to and including April 18, 2004.

Applicants have submitted herewith a revised "In the Claims" Section, in its entirety. As requested in the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment, Applicants have amended claim 63 to read "currently amended."

As it is believed that all of the matters set forth in the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment have been fully addressed, prosecution on the merits is earnestly solicited.

If, however, for any reason the Examiner does not believe that such action can be taken at this time, it is respectfully requested that he telephone Applicants' attorney at (908) 654-5000 in order to overcome any additional objections which he might have.

If there are any additional charges in connection with this requested election, the Examiner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 12-1095 therefor.

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Respectfully submitted,

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